

THE DEMOCRAT. CURRENT TOPICS.

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The treasury deficit for July, as shown by the statement issued on the 1st, was, \$12,125,790.67.

The national committee of the people's party, otherwise the populists, will make Washington the headquarters of the organization.

The president, on the 29th, appointed John Sheridan, of West Virginia, a government director of the Union Pacific Railway Co., vice Fitzhugh Lee, now consul-general at Havana.

The executive committee of the National Irrigation congress met in Denver, Col., on the 31st, and arranged the programme of the annual meeting to be held in Phoenix, Ariz., December 15, 16 and 17.

At Dayton, O., on the 29th, Henry Dipple, a night watchman, threw some water on a fire he had discovered in a frame house, and electricity from the crossed wire passed through the water and killed him.

Failures throughout the United States for the week ended on the 31st, as reported by R. G. Dun & Co., were 281, against 261 for the corresponding week of last year. For Canada the failures were 40, against 28 for last year.

Mr. Gladstone was waited upon at Hawarden, on the 30th, by 100 members of the Philadelphia Manufacturers' club. He personally escorted the visitors about the grounds and narrated the history of the castle to them. The Americans were greatly pleased by the warmth of their reception.

A dispatch from Che-Foo, China, on the 29th inst., said that the little German gunboat Itis was lost in a typhoon on July 23 at a point 40 miles southeast of the Shang-Tung promontory. Only ten of those belonging to the war ship were saved. All the others, 75 in number, including the officers, perished.

Col. W. E. McArthur, clerk of Representative Herman, of Oregon, was found lying unconscious on the street in Washington, on the evening of the 29th, and died shortly after at the hospital. Cause, sunstroke. McArthur was from The Dalles, Ore., where he formerly published a paper.

On the 29th Consul-General Fitzhugh Lee telegraphed the state department, in response to inquiries made at the instigation of Gen. Miles, that there was no information in Havana regarding the reported killing of Pierce Atkinson, who went to Cuba from this country to assist the rebels.

William J. Gilbert, the well-known law-book publisher, and for many years a prominent resident of St. Louis, died, on the 27th, at his residence in that city, aged 61 years. He was at the head of one of the oldest law-book concerns in St. Louis, and was known to every lawyer in the city.

The supreme court of California having affirmed the judgment of the superior court, S. D. Worden, the railroad striker, charged with wrecking the railway bridge near Sacramento, two years ago, and thereby causing the death of Engineer Clark and three United States soldiers, must hang.

Among the passengers who arrived at the port of New York on the 28th, by the steamer Caracas, from LaGuayra, was the son of Jose Maceo, who was killed in battle in Cuba recently. The young man is, together with ten other Cubans, on his way to the island to join the rebel army. He first learned of his father's death on landing at New York.

A dispatch to the Madrid Imparcial from Havana says that Capt. Gen. Weyler had issued a decree in which he promises to the captains of vessels the sum of \$2,000 for each filibustering steamer, and \$9,000 for each filibustering sailing vessel they seize. The captains making seizures will be freed of all responsibility.

It was announced in Madrid, on the 28th, that the shipbuilders of Genoa had repudiated the contract their representatives had made with the Spanish government to furnish the latter promptly with two cruisers of 7,000 tons. Great excitement prevailed in Madrid, as it was added that the vessels had been purchased by the United States.

The International Socialist Trades congress, in session in London, met on the 28th and the question of the admission of anarchists as delegates, which precipitated a free fight the day before and caused the chairman to declare the congress adjourned, was again taken up for final action, and it was decided by a large majority not to admit them.

In the British house of commons, on the 31st, Sir Matthew White Ridley, the home secretary, announced that Dr. Jamieson and the other prisoners who were convicted of taking part in the Transvaal raid, would be treated as first-class misdemeanants during their terms of imprisonment. Under this ruling the severity of their treatment as prisoners will be greatly modified.

Ex-CITY ATTORNEY MORELAND, of Pittsburgh, Pa., who pleaded guilty to the charge of embezzling city funds, was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary on the 29th. W. H. House, assistant city attorney, convicted of aiding and abetting City Attorney Moreland in embezzling city money, was also sentenced to the penitentiary for two years and three months.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

A destructive hailstorm struck Clay county, Minn., on the 27th, passing northwesterly across Sabin and as far north as Glydon on the west and Stockwood on the east. In many cases the destruction was complete.

While watching a game of ball at Youngstown, O., Oscar Gilchrist was struck in the eye by a foul fly with such force that the eye was knocked into a pulp and fell out of his head.

William Henry Smith, late general manager of the Associated Press, died at his home in Lake Forest, Chicago, on the 27th. He had been sick for several days with pneumonia.

James Byers, agent for the Vandallia railroad and Adams Express Co., at Moran, Ind., committed suicide on the 27th. Byers was short in his accounts with the express company \$300, and with the railroad company, \$15.

The correspondent of the United Press at Honolulu, writing under date of the 21st, says that the volcano Kilauea renewed its activity, during the night of the 11th, and was worse than ever.

The destruction of crops, live stock and farm property in Yankton county, S. D., by the recent hail storm is now estimated to amount to \$100,000.

It is rumored in Constantinople that the Turkish government contemplates the issue of paper money.

A dispatch from Bulawayo, on the 28th, said: "A force of imperial troops is being hurriedly pushed to the front from Mafutsie and Mangwe and Fort Tuli. The situation is becoming more serious every day."

Reine found guilty in the British high court of justice, on the 28th, of violation of the foreign enlistment act. Dr. Jamieson was sentenced to fifteen months' imprisonment without labor; Maj. Sir John Willoughby to ten months; Maj. R. Wright to seven months, and Capt. Henry F. Coventry (son of the earl of Coventry), Col. R. Grey and Col. F. H. White to five months' imprisonment each. They were taken at once to Holloway prison.

Charles Corey and Miss Kate Fillmann, both of Boston, were drowned in the Niagara river, between Grand Island and the Canadian shore, above Niagara falls, on the 28th. The young couple had hired a small boat for a row, and in the rough water the boat became unmanageable.

The gold standard democrats of Kentucky will hold a state convention on August 20, in Louisville, to perfect a thorough organization of their forces and select delegates to the national convention decided upon at the recent conference held in Chicago.

The United States consuls at Vera Cruz and Acapulco telegraph the surgeon-general of the United States marine hospital service the existence of yellow fever at those points.

The fact has become known that the recent flood in Colorado entirely destroyed the Catskill branch of the Union Pacific, Denver & Gulf road, 40 miles in length.

Part of the town of Ilfracombe, Devonshire, one of the fashionable and most attractive seaside resorts in England, was burned on the 29th.

One of the three men who participated in the recent Colorado Springs and Cripple Creek (Col.) stage robbery, was captured by a deputy sheriff while leaving a Denver train at Colorado Springs, on the 26th, but for reasons unknown the arrest was kept a profound secret until the 29th.

Ex-CONGRESSMAN JOHN T. BROWN died suddenly at his home in Fowler, Ind., on the 28th, of heart trouble. He leaves a widow and an adopted child in comfortable circumstances.

The notification committee appointed by the Prohibition national convention, which met last May in Pittsburgh, called upon Joshua Levering at Baltimore, Md., on the 28th, and officially informed him of his nomination for the presidency upon the prohibition ticket.

A COMMITTEE from the University of Chicago called upon Maj. McKinley at Canton, O., on the 29th, as representatives of the Republican club of that school to pay their respects to the republican candidate and to present to him a life-sized marble bust of himself, made by Hans Hirsch, the noted sculptor of that city.

ROBERT GARRETT, ex-president of the Baltimore & Ohio railway and head of the widely-known banking house of Robert Garrett & Sons, died at Deer Park, Md., on the 29th. Mr. Garrett had been in failing health for several years.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL WILSON has issued an order to all railway mail clerks, directing them not to take an active interest in the political campaign, such as would be involved in their attending political conventions as delegates, making political speeches or assisting in the management of political campaigns.

DR. JAMIESON and his fellow Transvaal raiders are to be treated as first class misdemeanants in Holloway prison, London. They will receive their meals from the outside, wear their own clothes and have less distinguished prisoners detailed to perform menial offices for them.

An express train from Philadelphia collided with a special excursion train of seven cars of Red Men near Atlantic City, N. J., on the 30th, the ponderous trains coming together at right angles, and causing a frightful wreck in which about forty persons were killed outright and twice that number injured, many of them fatally. The wife of one of the engineers who died at his post, upon hearing the sad news, fell dead from the shock.

A POWDER magazine at Funkirchen, Hungary, exploded, on the 30th, with fatal results. The shock of the explosion almost completely wrecked the town hall, and other buildings in the vicinity were badly damaged. More than one hundred persons were injured, and it was thought that a large proportion of them would die.

A BODY of striking miners went to the Hyman mines near Sullivan, Ind., on the 29th inst. Two or three of them covered the night watchmen with guns, marched them to the woods half a mile distant and stood guard over them while the balance of the crowd set fire to the plant which was totally destroyed. Burning timbers fell into the shaft and set fire to the mine also.

The boiler in Sullivan's big shingle mills at Cedar, Mich., burst on the 29th. Engineer Scott was badly mangled and scalded, and lived but two hours. Ten other employees were more or less seriously scalded and bruised.

JUDGE ORLANDY, of the Pennsylvania state superior court, on the 29th, granted an allocatur in the appeal of attorneys representing ex-Assistant City Attorney Wm. H. House, of Pittsburgh, who was sentenced to two years and three months in the penitentiary, for aiding and abetting in the embezzlement of city money.

The president has issued a proclamation bearing date of July 27, again commanding citizens to observe neutrality towards Cuba. The proclamation refers to the original proclamation of June 12, 1895, demanding an observance of the neutrality laws in respect to the Cuban insurrection, and gives notice that all violations will be vigorously prosecuted.

The commissioner of internal revenue has submitted to Secretary Carlisle a preliminary report of the operations of his bureau for the fiscal year ending June 30. It shows that the receipts from all sources of internal revenue for the year aggregated \$146,530,615—an increase of \$3,844,537 over the receipts of the preceding fiscal year.

MR. ARTHUR SEWALL, democratic nominee for vice-president, was interviewed as to the story that he intended to resign in favor of Mr. Tom Watson. He said: "Any man who for a moment entertains such an idea is not worthy of an answer."

FATHER MARTINELLI, superior-general of the Augustinians, has been appointed successor to Mgr. Sottili, as papal delegate of the Roman Catholic church in the United States.

HUGH CAMPBELL, one of the iron kings, died at his home at Hanging Rock, O., on the 31st, aged 86.

A DISPATCH from Bombay, on the 31st, said: Except for the telegraph lines, Bombay is isolated from the outside world. Very heavy rains have fallen of late, and the country in the vicinity of the city is flooded. The railroads are so far under water that it is impossible to run trains over them.

A HURRICANE prevailed at Hong Kong, on the 30th, and considerable damage was done to shipping in the harbor. The British steamer Glen Oaladh was totally dismantled. The British steamer MacDuff dragged her anchors and collided with the Norwegian steamer Brand. Both vessels were damaged.

FIRE originating in Argull's opera house in Grass Valley, Cal., on the 30th, spread rapidly until the whole block was ablaze. Twenty-five houses and business premises were totally destroyed, and 12 others partly burned. Total loss, about \$150,000.

JUDGE GEORGE CARPENTER, of the United States district for Rhode Island and Massachusetts, died, on the 31st, in Keswick, Holland, of paralysis of the heart, while on a European pleasure trip.

The Irish land bill passed its second reading in the British house of lords on the 31st.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

LI HUNG CHANG, the Chinese diplomat, who attended the coronation ceremonies of Czar Nicholas II. at Moscow, as special envoy of the Chinese government, and who has since visited Berlin and Paris, arrived in London on the 24. His visit to England is to be made as a national guest, the queen, through Lord Salisbury, having invited him to visit the country at national expense. He will remain in England a month.

TWO freight trains on the Northwestern railroad collided on the embankment approaching the Niobrara river on the 24. One was awaiting the signal to cross when the engine of the second crashed into it from the rear. The engine and cars were wrecked and the track was torn up for 100 yards, but no one was injured. It is almost a miracle that both trains did not topple over into the river.

THE statement of the New York city associated banks for the week ended on the 1st showed the following changes: Reserve, decrease, \$70,790; loans, decrease, \$4,704,000; specie, decrease, \$9,976,600; legal tenders, increase, \$7,119,900; deposits, decrease, \$5,344,200; circulation, increase, \$108,300.

THE British house of commons has passed on third reading the bill for the construction of a railway from the east coast of Africa to Uganda, the country in the interior recently placed under British protection.

THE public debt statement, issued on the 1st, showed a net increase in the public debt, less cash in the treasury, during July of \$10,837,253. Total cash in treasury, \$851,863,747.

SPAIN, through her consul at the port of Philadelphia, offers a reward of \$10,000 for information leading to the capture, within Spanish waters, of a filibustering expedition from this country.

THE town of Kunkle, O., was almost totally destroyed by fire on the 24. Twelve business houses and five dwellings were consumed. Loss, \$28,000; insurance, nominal.

THE coins executed at the United States mints during July aggregated 2,375,910 pieces, of the value of \$4,031,290, of which \$2,018,200 was gold and \$1,062,090 standard silver dollars.

NATIONAL bank notes outstanding, on the 1st, aggregated \$25,942,455, an increase during July of \$29,495, and since July 31, 1895, of \$14,690,547.

ON the 1st the banks of New York city held \$17,728,000 in excess of the requirements of the 25-per-cent. rule.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Death of a St. Joseph Millionaire. Calvin F. Burnes, the multi-millionaire, president of the National bank of St. Joseph, and owner of large property interests in St. Louis and Chicago, died at Ayer Lawn, south of St. Joseph, the other day, aged 70. Dysentery was his affliction. Col. Burnes was born poor, studied law in St. Louis, and made a remarkable success as a commercial attorney. His wealth is estimated at \$2,000,000. Col. Burnes had been very ill for two or three weeks. For two weeks he was delirious, and knew very little of what was going on about him.

Missouri National Banks. The banks of Missouri, exclusive of the cities of St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph, show their average reserve, July 14, to have been 29.57 per cent., against 29.53 per cent. on May 7; loans and discounts decreased from \$7,613,072 to \$7,347,550; stocks and securities increased from \$706,633 to \$717,301; gold coin increased from \$314,310 to \$333,823; total specie increased from \$471,886 to \$497,319; lawful money reserve decreased from \$777,457 to \$730,370; individual deposits decreased from \$2,642,121 to \$2,441,438.

A Desperate Man. Marion Bowman, who was being taken to Springfield, Ill., by Sheriff Baxter, of that city, to answer to the charge of abducting a nine-year-old girl named Mattie McKinley, jumped from the window of the Chicago & Alton train at Curryville, Pike county, and made his escape, although he was handcuffed and the sheriff had chained him to the car seat.

Accident at the Kansas City Inclines. Two cable cars broke loose at the top of the Ninth street incline, Kansas City, and dashed down the declivity into the union depot sheds. The grip cars and those on board escaped injury, but the trailer was thrown from the track just inside the elevated sheds and literally smashed to pieces. Several of the occupants of this car were badly hurt.

Death of Ex-Congressman Fyan. Judge Fyan died at Marshallfield, after several weeks' illness with chronic diarrhoea and general debility. Robert W. Fyan was born in Bedford county, Pa. He served 16 years as judge of the circuit court of Webster county, and resigned to run for congress, serving three terms as congressman.

Wright Must Hang. Gov. Stone has positively refused to interfere with the death penalty imposed upon William Wright, the Vernon county negro who beat his wife to death with an ax and narrowly escaped lynching at the hands of infuriated negroes. Wright will be hanged at Nevada, August 10.

Too Much Wheat. One man crushed to death, another fatally injured and five others more or less seriously hurt was the sum total of accident caused by the sudden giving way of the floors in the Regina mills, St. Louis. It is said the accident was due to overloading the floors with wheat.

Miss Phoebe Cousins. Miss Phoebe Cousins, the well-known woman lawyer of St. Louis and equal suffrage advocate, is stopping at Excelsior Springs. She is afflicted with rheumatism, and is stopping there for medical treatment and to receive the benefits of the mineral water.

The Contractor Was Not Ready. The laying of the corner-stone of Johnson county's new courthouse, announced to take place by the Masonic fraternity of the county on August 4, has been postponed on account of the contractor not having the corner-stone ready.

Eloped With His Aunt. Several months ago Jim Carey came from Iowa and made his home with his uncle, W. E. Carey, near Clinton. During the latter's absence Mrs. Carey eloped with her husband's nephew, taking her babe along.

Randolph County Teachers. The sixteenth annual session of Randolph teachers' institute is being held at Moberly under charge of Prof. Whiteford, superintendent of Moberly schools. There were 85 teachers in attendance the first day.

Slept on a Railway Track. Sherman Greenstreet, a painter, with a wife and four children, went to sleep on the Missouri Pacific track at Sedalia. He was struck by the engine of a passenger train and received fatal injuries.

Believed He Had a Fit. Edward Hobdy, aged 19, a son of Lawrence Hobdy, was drowned while bathing in the river at Hannibal. The deceased was subject to fits and it is supposed that he was seized with one.

Missouri Bankers. The next annual convention of the Missouri Bankers' association will be held at Meramec Highlands, near St. Louis, or on a Mississippi river steamboat during an excursion.

A Physician Robbed. Dr. H. L. Banks, of Hannibal, was assaulted and robbed by highwaymen in an unfrequented part of the city while on his way to make a call.

A Great Holiness Revival. The holiness camp meeting at Lutesville, which began July 15, has closed. It was the greatest religious revival ever held in Bollinger county.

Died From the Effects of Heat. Mrs. Phillip Bryne, 3029 A Madison street, St. Louis, was stricken with heat at a cemetery while attending the funeral of a friend, and died.

Seized With Cramps. Thomas Kelly, son of Judge Henry Kelly, was drowned in the Missouri, at St. Joseph, while bathing. The young man was seized with cramps.

JOINT DISCUSSION.

Senator Thurston, of Nebraska, and a Chicago Lawyer Open the Campaign in Wisconsin—Free Silver the Subject of the Debate—The Question Logically and Learnedly Discussed by the Speakers on Both Sides.

MADISON, Wis., Aug. 31.—Senator Thurston, of Nebraska, for the republican party, and Clarence S. Darrow, a Chicago lawyer, for the democrats and populists, contested with oratory and argument for presidential votes yesterday afternoon at Lakeside, the grounds of the Monona Lake assembly near this city.

Mr. Thurston said that it was among Wisconsin people that he grew to manhood and that in the first regiment of his cavalry he went out to fight and die, if necessary for his country. The senator continued:

We are here especially to discuss certain financial theories and views which are disturbing our people. This money question is a new one in this campaign. I was brought up to believe that the judgment of the man who had succeeded in life was better to follow than that of the man who had failed; that the word of the man who had never broken his promise was better to believe than that of the man who had broken his word. Therefore, I think it is safer for me to keep away from the leadership of such men as Altlund and Tillman and Llewellyn and Waite and follow the lead of Allison and Reed, and that greatest of all Americans, William McKinley, of Ohio.

Four years ago the issue before the people made, for the most part, by the men who are now presenting another issue, was not the issue which they would have you believe should be the one on which to go to the polls in 1896. William J. Bryan made no other argument and advocated no other issue four years ago than the tariff. He and his associates had no intention of bringing forth this new issue until they realized they were overwhelmingly defeated by the people on the issue of free trade on which they secured a majority of votes four years ago.

Don't you think, in view of the promises given four years ago and their default to pay, that it would be best to ask for a little collateral security on which to back up this new promise? I am an American. The American traveling in foreign lands finds that his silver dollar is taken without one cent of discount. You can buy with it twice as much as you can with the silver dollar of any country which opens its mints to the free coinage of silver. I do not want to Mexicanize our American dollar or apologize for its cheapness.

Gold means free coinage. Did you stop to think that if free coinage of silver will increase the value of bullion, that it will not bring to the people higher wages or give them better prices for their product? Free coinage will either lower the standard of our dollar to the 50-cent Mexican dollar or else it will double the value of our neighbor's dollar without expense to them.

The senator mentioned that July 11 the Chicago Chronicle had charged Bryan with being the paid agent or spokesman of the Bonanza silver kings, who had really made the silver issue, and that he had not met the charge.

He closed by arguing that cheap money would not help the poor man. Mr. Barrow was then introduced. He did not think the settlement of the free coinage question would ever give to labor that which labor never had under a democratic or republican administration, a full share of the product of his toil, nor lift from the farmer the great burden of debt and distress under which he lived. But it would do something. He repudiated the senator's prescription of four more years of the gold cure administered by McKinley instead of Cleveland. He accused the Cleveland democrats of working for McKinley, and asked the people to support what was Maj. McKinley's policy until he became a candidate for the presidency. It was the first time that a national party in the United States asked that silver money be stricken down and gold alone used by our people. The proposition was so outrageous and unheard of that the men who framed it at St. Louis were afraid to openly advocate it, and added the international agreement clause as a sop which they and the people knew to be a trick and a lie. He sternly resented the senator's claim to being an American when he defended the proposition to become the bond slave of Lombard street and Wall street. The great creditor class had been the blighting curse on the earth for ages.

He created a sensational scene when he declared that if a dollar's worth of American wheat continued to be sold for 30 cent the Englishman will collect his interest from America, as he does from the Egyptians with cannon and with sword. The speaker was vigorously hissed and several men arose and shook their fists and cried, "Never." The chairman appealed for order and a fair hearing.

Senator Thurston, in closing, denounced the attempt to array class against class, and section against section. There was no such issue under the Stars and Stripes. A party was needed to build up, not tear down. Finally, he said:

"The man who holds the key to the situation is the officer who held the line for Sheridan at Shenandoah, Maj. McKinley, and please God he will be our next president."

AT WASHINGTON.

Senator Jones and the Democratic National Headquarters. WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—Senator J. K. Jones, chairman of the national committee, is expected to reach the city to-day. It is believed that he will early settle the question of the location of national headquarters, and will before he leaves Washington announce the names of the members of the national executive committee, a subject upon which he has been bestowing careful attention since he left Chicago.

MURDER WILL OUT.

Nothing Else Happens to Reveal the Crime a Guilty Conscience Will Confess It—Strange Story Told by a Maryland State Prisoner Who Soon After Committed Suicide—Corroboration—May Save an Innocent Sufferer.

BALTIMORE, Md., Aug. 3.—The convict known as Frederick Whitney, who committed suicide at the Maryland penitentiary Saturday, appears to have added murder to his long list of crimes. Friday afternoon Whitney sought out Warden Weyler and intimated that he meant to end his miserable existence. "In the course of his conversation with Mr. Weyler, the man said his real name was Frederick Hildebrand, and that his home was in Detroit, Mich. The hold-up of City Councilman Swindell, for which Whitney was serving an 18-year sentence, occurred on March 23, 1895. In his confession he said that while fleeing from Baltimore detectives he killed and robbed a man in Altoona, Pa., in April of last year.

"While we were in Altoona," declared Whitney (or Hildebrand) to the warden, "I assaulted a man on the street, murdered him and robbed him of his money, quite a large sum. For this murder another man was arrested, tried and convicted, and was sent to the penitentiary for life."

Was your pal, Williams, implicated in this murder?" asked the warden. "No, sir; I did it all myself. I am alone guilty and can stand the strain no longer."

The warden tried to gain more information from his prisoner, but failed. He set apart an hour for a further conference with Hildebrand, but the opportunity for which the prisoner had long waited presented itself, and the unfortunate man threw himself from a window and dashed out his brains on the flagging 30 feet below.

The suicide was 35 years of age. When incarcerated in the penitentiary he gave his occupation as a ball player.

How Whitney's Confession is Regarded in Altoona.

ALTOONA, Pa., Aug. 2.—If the confession of the convict known as Frederick Whitney, who committed suicide at the Maryland penitentiary is true, that he killed Henry Bonneka in this city, an innocent man now waiting sentence of death for the murder. There are some discrepancies in the story of Whitney's confession as sent from Baltimore, as to the facts of the murder. Bonneka was not killed upon the street, but was found strangled to death in his house here on April 6, 1895. Whitney was in Altoona at the time of the murder, was suspected and was followed to Baltimore by detectives, but not enough evidence was gathered against him to warrant his arrest. Three other men fell under suspicion and finally one of them, Frank Wilson, was arrested. Wilson, at first admitted having been present when Bonneka was killed. He afterward retracted his admission and was recently tried and convicted of murder in the first degree.

Says Hildebrand was Insane When He Made His Confession.

ALTOONA, Pa., Aug. 2.—District Attorney Hammond talked with the warden of the Baltimore penitentiary to-day and learned that Hildebrand was insane when he made the confession. The news created a good deal of excitement in this city, especially among the people who believe Wilson and Farrell are innocent, they having been convicted of the murder of the miser on circumstantial evidence.

BRUTAL DOUBLE MURDER.

Husband and Wife Brained by a Jealous Lover of the Latter.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 2.—A brutal double murder was discovered in an orchard in the rear of a summer boarding house in the suburb of Narbeth. Ewert McDannell, aged 36 years, and Mary Brown, aged 25, both colored, were found lying on the ground side by side with their skulls crushed in. The woman was a servant in the boarding house and McDannell is said to have been her husband, although she was known by the name of Brown. The woman was of a lively and flirting disposition and it is supposed some lover of hers killed the couple. The police claim to know the name of the man they suspect of the murder and expect to have him under arrest shortly.

THE DIAMOND MATCH CO.

Enjoined from Unjust and Oppressive Interference with the Business of the Improved Match Co.

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 3.—The Diamond Match Co. was enjoined Saturday by Judge Donovan, in the circuit court from unjust and oppressive interference with the business of the Improved Match Co. of Detroit until the latter's suit for \$150,000 damages against the Diamond Co. is decided.

Among the sensational charges brought by the Improved company is that of buying and tampering with the complainants' matches by breaking, steaming and otherwise injuring and destroying the quality of the same and again placing them on the market; also the intimidation of customers of the Improved company to secure the discontinuance of their purchases. Officials of the Diamond Match Co. refuse to talk about the case.

THE SOUTHERN CONTINENTS.

Chill has just had the first presidential election in its history without a row.

In Central South America eggs, coconuts and chocolate pass as currency of the realm.

Coal is dearer in South Africa than in any other part of the world. It is cheapest in China.

A farmer in the little settlement of Hay, New South Wales, with the aid of his three sons, poisoned 16,000 rabbits in one night.